

Table 1. Percent of patient-observers given any written information in addition to label and stickers on medication container by drug.

| Drug | Information given % (n) | Information not given % (n) | Total % (n) |
|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Ibuprofen | 86.6 (265) | 13.4 (41) | 100.0 (306) |
| Amoxicillin | 87.6 (268) | 12.4 (38) | 100.0 (306) |
| Paroxetine | 86.9 (266) | 13.1 (40) | 100.0 (306) |

Table 2. Panelists' overall ratings of written information using 1-point method of assessment

| Level of information quality | Ibuprofen n = 306 % (n) | Amoxicillin n = 262 % (n) | Paroxetine n = 306 % (n) |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Level 0 (no written information) | 13.4 (41) | 14.4 (38) | 13.1 (40) |
| Level 1 (0-19% of points obtained) | 0.0 (0) | 1.1 (3) | 0.0 (0) |
| Level 2 (20-39% of points obtained) | 2.6 (8) | 1.5 (4) | 2.3 (7) |
| Level 3 (40-59% of points obtained) | 7.5 (23) | 6.9 (18) | 8.8 (27) |
| Level 4 (60-79% of points obtained) | 43.8 (134) | 9.9 (26) | 10.1 (31) |
| Level 5 (\geq 80% of points obtained) | 32.7 (100) | 66.0 (173) | 65.7 (201) |

Note: The “1-point method” of assessment is described in the methods section. The number of cases for amoxicillin was 262 due to incomplete data from one panelist.

Table 3. Panelists' ratings of written information using 9-point method by criterion and drug

| Criterion/drug | Low adherence (1-3) % | Moderate adherence (4-6) % | High adherence (7-9) % | Total Mean (SD) |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Identifies drug and its benefits | | | | |
| Ibuprofen | 7.2 | 14.7 | 78.1 | 6.86 (1.9) |
| Amoxicillin | 6.0 | 15.3 | 78.7 | 7.58 (2.0) |
| Paroxetine | 5.3 | 17.3 | 77.4 | 7.20 (2.1) |
| 2. Includes specific directions | | | | |
| Ibuprofen | 10.9 | 55.8 | 33.2 | 5.62 (1.9) |
| Amoxicillin | 6.7 | 15.7 | 77.6 | 7.06 (2.0) |
| Paroxetine | 13.2 | 28.2 | 58.6 | 6.54 (2.6) |
| 3.Identifies contraindications and what to do | | | | |
| Ibuprofen | 58.9 | 28.7 | 12.5 | 3.57 (2.0) |
| Amoxicillin | 19.8 | 49.3 | 31.0 | 5.42 (2.6) |
| Paroxetine | 32.0 | 47.0 | 21.1 | 6.54 (2.6) |
| 4. Includes specific pre- cautions, their significance, and how to avoid | | | | |
| Ibuprofen | 40.4 | 54.3 | 5.3 | 3.62 (1.7) |
| Amoxicillin | 18.7 | 7.8 | 73.5 | 6.83 (3.0) |
| Paroxetine | 16.2 | 68.0 | 15.8 | 5.01 (2.2) |
| 5. Includes detail for monitoring/interpretation of adverse reactions | | | | |
| Ibuprofen | 3.0 | 16.2 | 80.8 | 7.20 (1.6) |
| Amoxicillin | 10.1 | 10.1 | 79.9 | 7.67 (2.4) |
| Paroxetine | 5.6 | 17.3 | 77.1 | 7.77 (2.2) |

Note: Results based on written information sheets given with ibuprofen (n=265), amoxicillin (n=268), and paroxetine (n=266).

Table 3. Panelists' ratings of written information using 9-point method by criterion and drug (cont.)

| Criterion/drug | Low adherence (1-3) % | Moderate adherence (4-6) % | High adherence (7-9) % | Total Mean (SD) |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 6. Includes storage instructions and general information | | | | |
| Ibuprofen | 5.43 | 37.0 | 8.7 | 3.65 (2.2) |
| Amoxicillin | 27.6 | 56.3 | 16.0 | 4.85 (2.2) |
| Paroxetine | 24.1 | 50.4 | 25.6 | 5.22 (2.3) |
| 7. Is unbiased in content and tone | | | | |
| Ibuprofen | 0.0 | 5.7 | 94.3 | 8.00 (1.2) |
| Amoxicillin | 0.0 | 4.5 | 95.5 | 8.53 (.95) |
| Paroxetine | 0.0 | 11.7 | 88.3 | 8.46 (1.2) |
| 8. Is legible and readily comprehensible | | | | |
| Ibuprofen | 4.5 | 10.6 | 84.9 | 7.30 (1.6) |
| Amoxicillin | 0.7 | 13.4 | 85.8 | 8.15 (1.2) |
| Paroxetine | 0.8 | 14.7 | 84.6 | 7.98 (1.4) |
| 9. Is scientifically accurate and includes disclaimer | | | | |
| Ibuprofen | 1.9 | 15.5 | 82.6 | 8.05 (1.7) |
| Amoxicillin | 0.4 | 10.4 | 89.2 | 8.28 (1.3) |
| Paroxetine | 5.6 | 33.1 | 61.3 | 7.16 (2.0) |
| 10. Is up-to-date and includes publication information | | | | |
| Ibuprofen | 11.3 | 38.5 | 50.2 | 6.14 (2.7) |
| Amoxicillin | 21.3 | 23.5 | 55.2 | 6.20 (2.9) |
| Paroxetine | 33.8 | 21.1 | 45.1 | 5.47 (3.3) |

Note: Results based on written information sheets given with ibuprofen (n=265), amoxicillin (n=268), and paroxetine (n=266).